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6. JP 2-503334 A published October 11, 1990, to Hyperion Catalysis International Inc. This application corresponds to European Patent Application No. 0 619 388 A1 and U.S. Patent No. 5,707,916.
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